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ABSTRACT

This report examines a study of parent involvement in children's preschool education. The first of five chapters discusses the demographic and social changes that have escalated the home-school relationship, and made parent involvement an essential element of a successful preschool experience. The second chapter reviews the literature and includes guidelines and suggestions for planning and implementing parent involvement. The third chapter describes the study subjects, apparatus, and procedures which were used in a survey of parent involvement. The survey was conducted through a questionnaire completed by 74 parents of a private nursery school in Lake Orion, Michigan and 21 early childhood graduate students. The questionnaire asked for data on demographics, the importance of certain forms of parent involvement, and the home-school relationship. The fourth chapter reports the results and analyzes the survey, and the fifth chapter presents suggestions for further research. Included in the appendix (the bulk of the document) are copies of a letter sent to parents about the survey, a copy of the questionnaire, a list of items needed for recycling, a list of 32 references, and completed questionnaires. (RJC)

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INTRODUCTION

In a small community , a preschool ran an election for three parent representatives for the Board of Directors, the governing body of the preschool. Out of seventy four families only 29 people voted.

In this same preschool an invitation was given to all the families for parents to attend a parent orientation night. Again, out of the seventy four families only thirty people showed. Of that thirty, many were two parents in the same family unit.

A parent of a newly enrolled preschooler was phoned to explain the school's enrollment day. The teacher pointed out the importance of the parent and child sharing the half hour to meet the teachers and explore the room. The parent response to the teachers invitation," I already know that stuff. I don't need to come."

After a preschool session a parent began collecting all her child's treasures. The mother came to the heavily painted picture and exclaimed " I am not taking that messy picture in

my car, plus we have so many of these things already." Her child heard the exclamation.

As shown by these scenes, an early childhood program must be concerned with the needs of the parents, as well as the needs of the children. Early childhood professionals have the opportunity to aid parents in understanding the importance of initiating and maintaining their interest in a parent involvement program. Professionals are able to achieve this goal by positively presenting parent involvement opportunities and parent education programs. Parent participation is a required element for a well rounded and successful preschool experience. These professionals must recognize the importance of parent involvement and provide parents with various opportunities to be involved.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson was quoted in saying, " A school system without parents at it's foundation is like a bucket with a hole in it." There is a need at all levels of education for parent involvement. At the preschool level, parent participation, if approached correctly and with enthusiasm, can be just a stepping stone for greater involvement in higher education.

Looking further at the opening scenes, the common theme is a parent's lack of involvement in the preschool experience. There are many circumstances that can support

the lack of parent involvement. For example:

- parent's employment
- parent's lack of understanding of the importance of participation
- parent's own reserve

No matter what the source of this lack of involvement, the end result is the same-- a family not having a complete preschool experience.

Organization

This paper will be organized into the following chapters:

Chapter one will discuss the demographic and social changes that have escalated the home-school relationship to be a mandatory element of a successful preschool experience.

Chapter two will review literature and propose a new concept of parents level of involvement in their child's school. The chapter will include an investigation of guidelines and suggestions for parent involvement opportunities. It will conclude with suggestions for appropriate ways to identify the parent population.

Chapter three will present a survey of views of parent involvement. This chapter will include a complete discussion

of the subjects, apparatus and procedures which were used when the survey of parent involvement was presented.

Chapter four will provide the results of the survey, discuss observations, and make appropriate suggestions.

Chapter five will present suggestions for further research in developing and implementing parent involvement opportunities.

Parent involvement is an essential element for a positive school experience. It is important for the school to recognize parents as legitimate members of the learning process and incorporate parents into the programs. The schools need to identify the parent population and use this information appropriately. Parents and the school need to be in a partnership in educating children.

CHAPTER ONE

Parents often enter in the nursery school experience questioning how they can become involved in the school. Early childhood professionals often question how to motivate parents to become involved in the school. Many parents are busy with their occupations, however, early childhood professionals know that early years are very important for parent participation. Parent involvement needs to be at all levels of education.

Traditionally the school benefited from parent involvement opportunities. In the past, parents participated in fundraisers, organized parties and went on field trips. However today, the child needs to benefit from parent involvement. Contemporary parents show a greater need to be involved in the educational process of their children. " Contemporary parents spend less time and energy meeting their children's physical needs than did parents of previous generations, but they invest more time and energy in meeting their children's psychological needs." (Shea & Bauer, 1985) To aid in identifying contemporary parents, an examination of demographic and social changes should be conducted. These

changes have heightened the importance of the home-school relationship to be considered a major component in determining a successful school experience.

Hodgikinson's (1985) "All One System" demographic study states, "It is our conviction that we need to begin seeing the educational system from the perspective of the people who move through it." This is a prerequisite of all parent involvement programs- To identify the parents that will be participating in the parent programs. Hodgikinson (1985) cites several demographic changes which affect the development of parent involvement opportunities.

1. Fifty-nine per cent of the children born in 1983 will live with only one parent before reaching age 18 - this now becomes the normal childhood experience.

2. The typical American family in the 1950's consisted of a working father, housewife mother of two or more school age children. Sixty per cent of all families in 1950 fit this description. Only three and one half per cent of all American families fit this description today. (1988)

3. More than fifty per cent of all women are in the work force today.

4. The United States is facing and epidemic increase in the number of children born outside of marriage- and fifty per cent of such children are born to teen-age mothers.

5. Everyday in America forty teen-age girls give birth

to their third child. (Hodgikinson, 1985)

Harold Hodgkinson has given an accurate picture of what a "typical American family " is not. When implementing parent programs, schools can no longer offer programs which the 1950 typical family would benefit. Can Parent-Teacher Organizations (P.T.O.) schedule meetings during the day and expect a large turn out when more than fifty per cent of all women are working outside the home? Would it be appropriate for schools to offer group meetings on financial planning for a child's education when most of the parents in the community are not employed? Can parental programs overlook the fact that twelve out of one hundred children born today will be born out of wedlock? It is quite evident that an examination of the family status is needed when implementing and planning parent programs.

The family status is not the only social arena that has gone through changes which would affect parents involvement at school. Shea & Bauer (1985) have cited several social changes which have occurred since the 1930's that would affect parent involvement. The social changes are: Changes in parenting styles, neighbors and neighborhoods, schools and teachers, churches and social problems.

Parenting Styles

Hodgkinson (1985) cites, more mothers are working outside the home. Yet this is not the only parenting style

that has changed. There is an extreme amount of over exposure and media pressure on "how to " be parents. Parents are bombarded with self-help books and television programs on raising the "best" children possible. Coupling this with the lack of presence of the extended family, a natural source of child raising suggestions, parents are grasping for the right answer.

Neighbors and Neighborhoods

Our contemporary society is very mobile. This mobility, among other factors, have caused the once cohesive and family oriented neighborhoods to be impersonal. In the 1930's children "often viewed their neighbors almost as family. In turn, neighbors did not hesitate to tell parents about a child's transgressions." (Shea & Bauer, 1985) Today, the passive and defensive attitudes have lessened the effectiveness of the once strong neighborhood ties.

Schools and Teachers

There have been two major changes in education over the last fifty years which have influenced parent involvement opportunities. Education " has become increasingly impersonal" and educators have placed a "greater emphasis on developing children's accumulation of specific knowledge and skills more than critical thinking and problem solving." (Shea & Bauer, 1985) Children are now more measured and compared than ever before. This combined with parents

wanting to "produce" what the media calls a "perfect child", leaves our children becoming robots and statistics.

Church and Social Problems

Drugs and alcohol abuse, fright of contracting AIDS, and the high rate of poverty are just some of the social problems which our contemporary society is facing. However, the amount of our population these problems affect demands an immediate consideration when evaluating social factors influencing families and parent involvement programs. In 1983, 14 million children lived in poverty. (Hodgkinson, 1985) More than 36,000 Americans have contracted AIDS and scientists predict that at least " 250,000 will be affected by 1991." (AIDS & Children) In 1985, 6,461 teenagers on illegal drugs attempted suicide. The deaths of 65 children aged six to nine are linked to drug abuse. (Drug Abuse)

The influence of religion and the church is another area that needs to be discussed. Today, for whatever reason, the church is relatively uninfluential. (Shea & Bauer, 1985) The church is a place for emotional support and guidance. The family has become isolated from yet another source of family support.

The job of the schools, at all levels of education, is to maintain current information on demographic and social statistics and provide the appropriate parent involvement

opportunities. Begin offering parent education programs for single parents. Invite working parents to join the P.T.O. by providing evening meetings. Offer budgeting and nutritional snack seminars for teen-age mothers. Instead of a Fathers Day or Mothers's Day, name it Special Friend Day to accommodate blended families. If it is important to stress gender, Special Male or Female Day would be appropriate.

All social changes influence the development and implementation of parent involvement programs. Early childhood professionals need to maintain their awareness of these changes in order to correctly and adequately provide parents the opportunities to be involved in the education of their children.

CHAPTER TWO

Literature shows parent involvement opportunities as being part of model that is either on a continuum or hierarchy. Cervone and O"Leary are well known for the "Parent Involvement continuum". They see " parent involvement as falling along a continuum that stretches from activities in which the parent is the passive recipient of information to activities in which the parent is an active partner in the educational process. "(1986)

Adopted from Cervone and O'Leary's model is the Conceptual Model for Parent Involvement from the Associates in Human Development, Inc. They also use the phrases "parents as passive participants" and "parents as active participants." However, they display their model as a hierarchy rather than a continuum. Parents night out is considered a passive form of participation which carries a negative connotation. Parents as volunteers and substitutes are considered active forms of participation which carries a positive connotation.

Parent Involvement can also be seen not as a hierarchy

or continuum but rather as being part of the same whole with the parent-child-school relationship being at the center. If this triad relationship is positive, agreeable and promoting development and growth, then rating is not necessary.

For Example:

Family One: Single-divorced mother of two sends in party treats, reads the monthly school newsletters and attends family night. The mother and children work together and a positive home-school relationship is developed.

Family Two: Married not working outside the home, mother volunteers weekly in her son's fourth grade class. Every week she shares her discontentment of going to the school. She threatens her child, if he does not behave she will not go to his school. While the mother is at school her son acts out of character and is difficult to manage.

If Cervone and O'Leary's continuum is used, family two would be considered active participants. While family one would be considered passive participants. However if the parent-child-school relationship factor is considered, the positive growth and development is much higher in the example of family number one. By examining just the frequency and amount of time given to involvement is obviously not an appropriate measure of a parents involvement. Such elements as positive growth, family cohesiveness and family commitment should be the determining factors of parent involvement.

Guidelines and Suggestions

There are many venues in which parents may choose to be involved in their child's educational life. Some opportunities show consistently to be effective ways for parents to be involved. When involving parents in the school there are four dimensions to parent involvement programs. There are opportunities where the child, the parent, the school and staff benefits , and lastly where all three, parent, child and school, share the benefits.

An examination of literature has shown several suggestions when implementing and planning parent involvement opportunities. After the determination of who will benefit from the program, Swick and Castles have suggested the following guidelines in planning and implementing parent involvement programs.

" 1. Acquire the needs of the family you serve.

2. Based on family needs and school resources develop objectives and strategies to involve parents in the program.

3. Develop and maintain continuous communication with parents regarding the development and learning of the children.

4. Give special attention to the services and supports that parents need.

5. Carry our regular assessments of your parent involvement program to see if it is meeting the needs of parents and children you serve." (1985)

Acquiring the needs and the interests of the parents is an important step when organizing any parental involvement program. There are several types of surveys that can be delivered to the parent population to attain their interest and needs. Through trial and error it has been discovered that there are several important factors to remember.

1. Provide a place for demographic information such as marital status, number of children, age of children, parent's occupation , parent's education. This information can be used to determine the family status of your parents.

2. List specific options and topics of interest. Parents are more willing to say yes to something that is specific rather than something that is vaguely stated.

3. Flexibility of time. Let the parents be aware that there are options available to them. List all possible times.

4. Provide space for write in suggestions.

5. Delivery of survey. This is an important element to and successful parent involvement program.

An example of a survey which includes these points can be found in Appendix C.

Develop objectives and strategies to involve parents in

the program. After identifying the family needs, objectives and strategies to implement programs must be designed to fulfill the family needs. Ask the following questions:

1. Who will benefit the most from this opportunity?
2. Does the budget allow for payment?
3. What will be the time frame?
4. Who of our parents can help? In which way can they help?

Develop and maintain continuous communication with parents regarding the development and learning of the children. The following can help reach this goal.

1. Model the appropriate behavior for parents to see ways to interact with children.
2. Provide parent education programs
3. Provide parent library available for parents to check out books on children and their development.
4. Include parent education in the newsletter.
5. Display on bulletin boards community lectures.
6. Greet the parents as well as the children. Make them feel welcome.
7. Phone conferences should be implemented if needed.
8. Parent-Teacher conferences should be made available.

Give special attention to the services and supports that parents need.

1. Provide childcare for parent meetings.

2. Help arrange car pooling

3. Have resources and referral numbers available upon request.

Carry out regular assessments of your parent involvement programs to see if they are meeting the needs of your targeted population. Assessments can be made by such methods as a suggestion box or a simple questionnaire, asking the parents if the family is benefitting from the program.

Thus far in this paper a historical overview of the changes in several social arenas have shown the relationship between parents and school to be one that demands attention. It has been suggested that elements such as family commitment and family cohesiveness should be the determining factors of parent involvement. Suggestions have also been made for planning and implementing parent involvement programs. The following chapter will present a survey which was presented to help determine views of parent involvement.

CHAPTER THREE

SUBJECTS

There were two targeted segments of the population:

1. A group of seventy-four parents of a private nursery school in Lake Orion , Michigan.
2. A group of twenty-one graduated students of an early childhood program.

The background of the parents filling out the questionnaire include:

Occupations: 53 % work outside the home
44 % parent, housewife, mother
2% no answer

Sex: 98 % female
2 % male

Number of
Children: 17 % one child
61 % two children

8 % three children

8 % four or more

Marital

Status: 100 % married

The background of the graduate students filling out the questionnaire included:

Occupations: 57 % teacher

19 % specified pre-school teacher

14 % other

9 % mothers

Sex: 95 % Female

4.9 % Male

Number of

Children: 4 % 0 children

23 % one child

33 % two children

9 % three children

0 % four or more children

33 % no answer

Marital

Status: 80 % married

19 % single

APPARATUS

A two part exploratory research study was used. (Appendix B) Each part has seven statements. In part one the respondents circled the relative importance of each example. Part two asked the respondents to agree or disagree with each of the seven statements.

PROCEDURE

Delivery System and Return Rate

Parents

The total number of surveys distributed were seventy-four. There was three ways this survey was delivered. Each survey was accompanied with a cover letter. (Appendix A)

1. The survey was placed in the children's cubbies where all correspondence from staff to parents is placed. Four out of twenty-five were returned; a 16 % return rate.

2. The survey was handed to parents or caregivers with the following statement:" Could you please fill this our for me?" Seven out of twenty-five were returned; a 28% return

rate.

3. The survey was handed to parents and caregivers by the survey presenter with the following statement: " Could you please do me a favor and fill this survey out today. I need the information to finish my thesis. Thank-You" Twenty-three out of twenty-four were returned; a 95% return rate.

Graduate Students

The survey was given to a group of twenty-one early childhood graduate students during an introductory early childhood class. After an introduction and a statement what was needed, twenty- one out of twenty-one returned the survey; 100% return rate.

CHAPTER FOUR

When examining the results of the survey, it is viewed dually. First, each question was examined within its own targeted population. Secondly, the two targeted populations were compared. This chapter will present a graph, discuss results, observations, and suggestions per survey question.

The importance of each of the first seven involvement opportunities were rated by the respondents by circling 1 (very important) to 5 (never do). The last seven statements were rated by circling 1 (agree) to 5 (disagree).

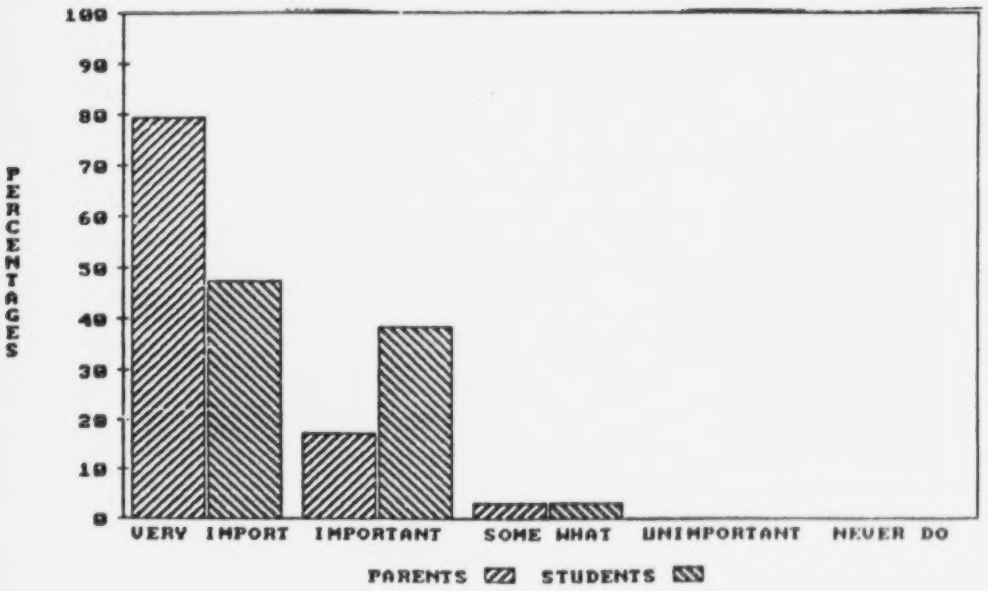
Results, Observations and Suggestions

When presenting an exploratory research survey there needs to be special attention given to the delivery system. The return rate of 100% by the graduate students supports this premise. The targeted population was isolated, addressed and the survey returned immediately. This was proven to be the most effective delivery system for the survey.

The importance of the following opportunities were rated by

the respondents.

READING MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS



Results: 79% of the parents responded reading monthly newsletters as very important, 49% of the graduate students responded the same. No respondents in either group circled never do or unimportant. Out of the graduate students who specified early childhood teaching, 87 % responded reading the newsletters as very important.

Observations: A newsletter is an effective way to involve parents at the preschool level.

Suggestions: When presenting a newsletter use the following suggestions:

1. Be consistent in format. Include the same headings

each publication.

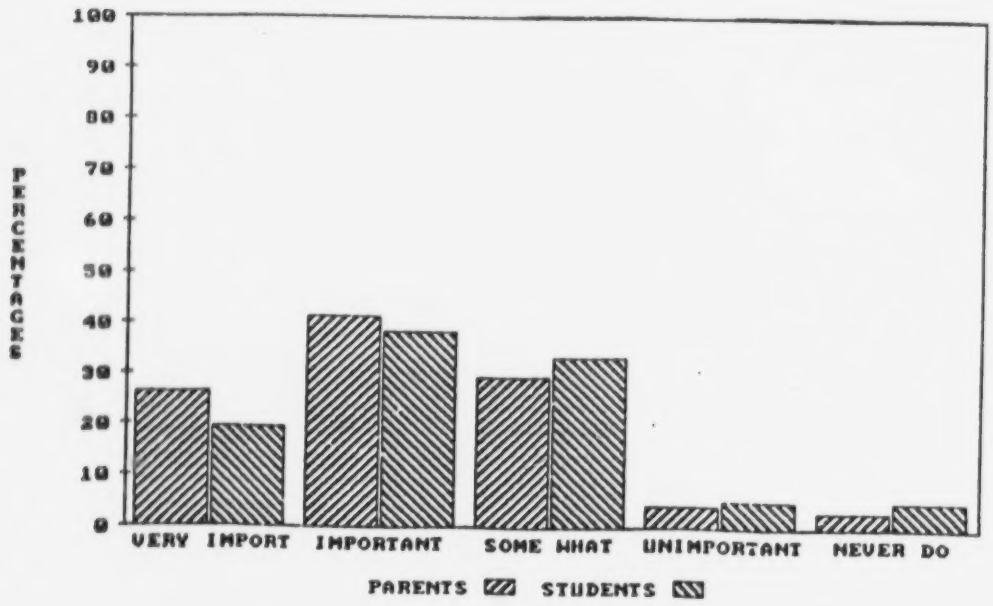
2. Be consistent in delivery. The approximate same time of month.

3. Let parents be involved. They could type, edit, run-off and some might be willing to write an article.

4. Share the happenings of the children. Include a review of program, field trips and activities and any developmental articles.

5. Supply a calendar of events.

6. Make it personal and not very lengthy.



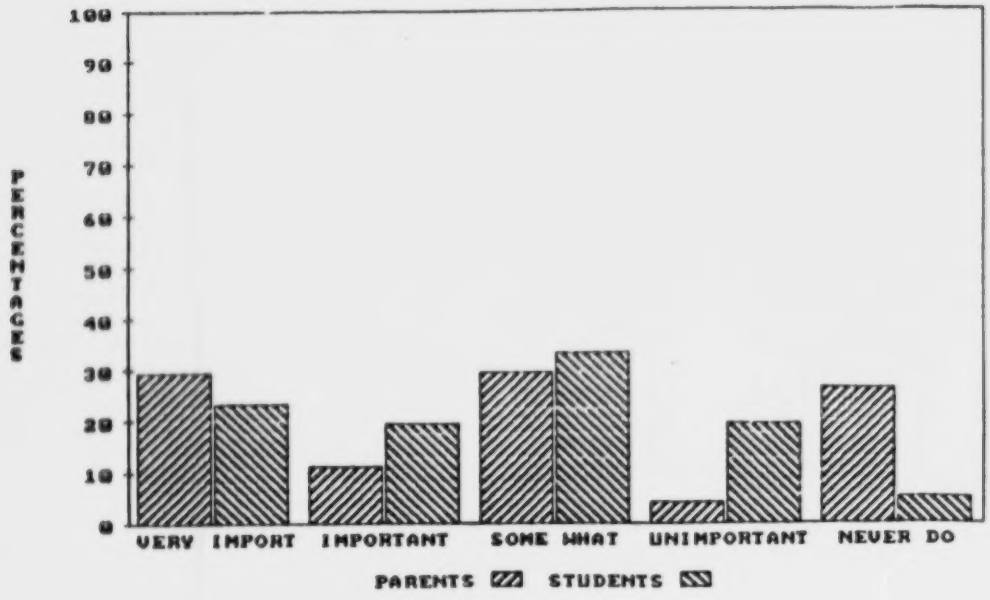
Results: Parents and graduate students both agree on the relative importance of supporting fundraisers. 41% of the

parents and 38% of the students felt supporting fundraisers to be important (Response 2). Combining responses 1, 2, and 3, 96% of the parents and 90 % of the students responded.

Observations: Supporting the school through fundraisers is an important parent involvement opportunity.

Suggestions: The relative importance of this form of parent involvement may not be so widely agreed in another socio-economic area. It is important to look at parents financial ability if this type of involvement is to be positive.

ATTEND A GROUP DISCUSSION ON CHILDREN AND DEATH



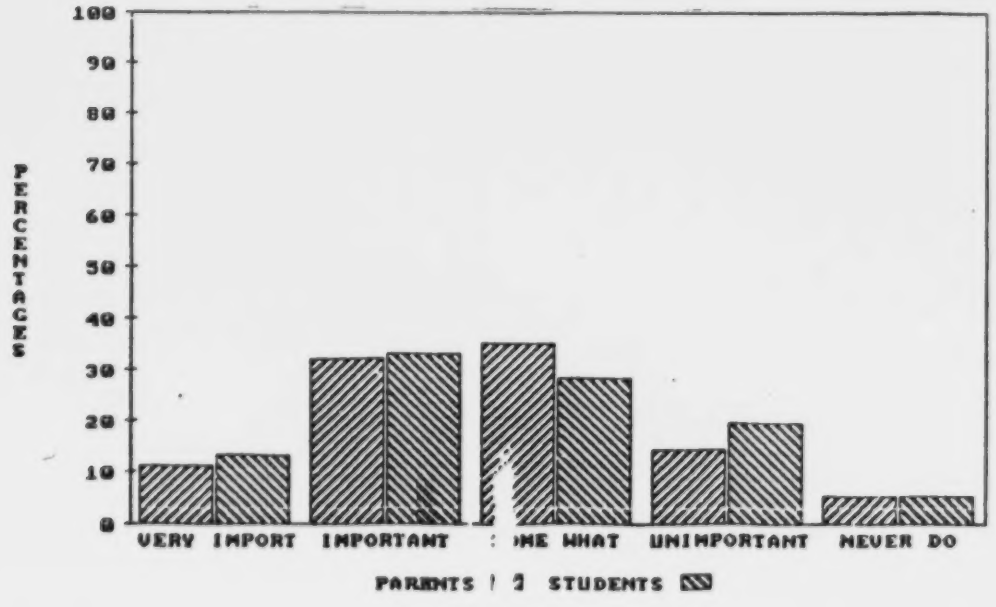
Results: 26 % of the parents said they would never do (5), while 29 % of the same group said it would be very

important. The student responses were distributed from 23 %, 19%, 33%, 19% corresponding to very important (1) to unimportant (4). More graduate students, 79%, thought it would be very important to somewhat important to attend compared to 69% of the parents.

Observation: A discussion meeting on this topic would need to have been identified on a parent interest sheet.

Suggestions: There is an example of a parent interest survey in the Appendix C .

SEND IN HOLIDAY TREATS

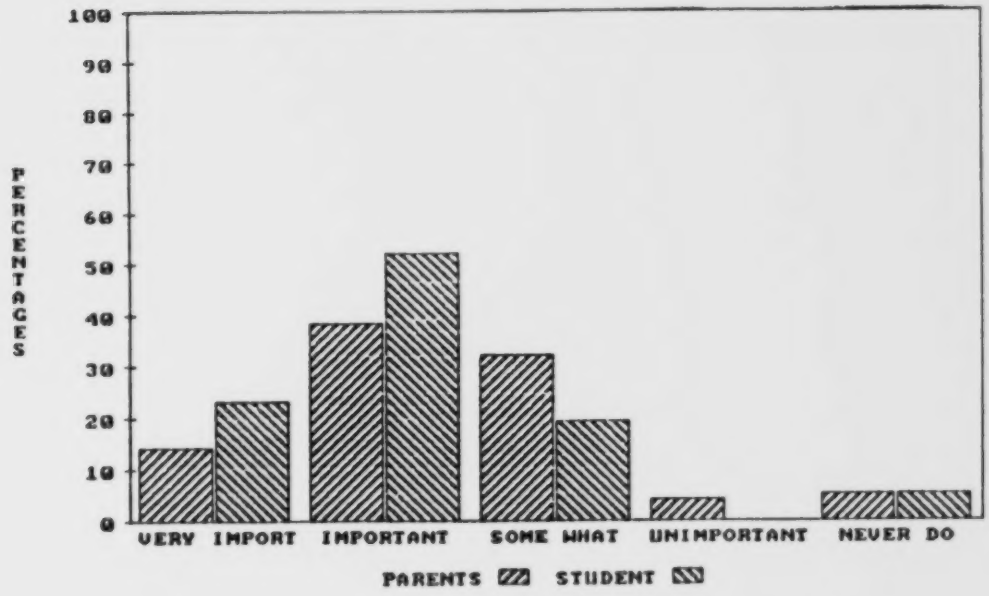


Results: A small per cent of each group, 11% and 13% felt that it was important (1). 35 % of the parents thought it was somewhat important (3). 33 % of the graduate students

thought it was important (2). 78 % of the parents responded to number 1, 2, & 3. 74 % of the students responded the same.

Observation: Allowing parents to send in treats is a positive way to become involved.

Suggestions: Sending home appropriate recipes would be beneficial.



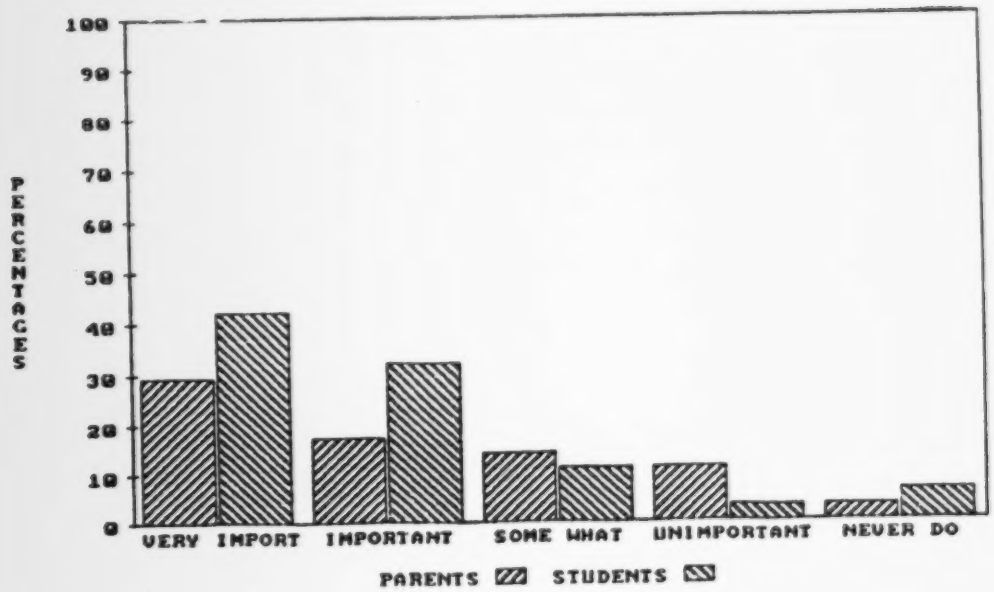
Results: Over half the parents, 52% responded either to response 1 or 2, while three quarters, 75 %, of the students responded the same.

Observations: Teachers believe collecting re-usable junk to be an important opportunity for parents to be involved.

Suggestions: Supply the parents with a list of

collectable junk. (Appendix D)

PARTICIPATE IN A PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

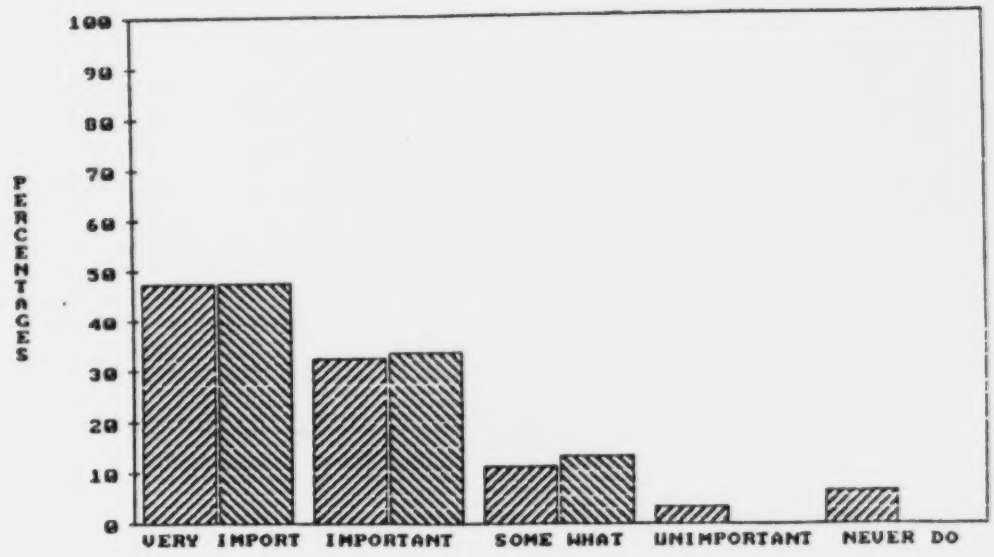


Results: 66 % of the parents responded very important and somewhat important. 85 % of the students responded to the same. 14 % of the parents responded unimportant and never do.

Observations: Most preschools have an advisory board which aids in the running of the school. Yet only 29% of the parents responded that participation on such a board would be very important. Comparing this to the students, 42 % responded very important.

Suggestions: Parents need to be thoroughly informed of what would be expected of them. The parents also need to feel accepted and wanted.

VOLUNTEER IN THE CLASSROOM



Results: 47 % of each group of subjects responded that it was very important to participate in the classroom. The responses were consistent between both groups of subjects. A disturbing response of nearly 20 % of the parents and 15 % of the students responded number five, never do.

Observations: It is still very important to volunteer in the classroom. This is an opportunity which needs to be available for parents to be involved.

Suggestions: Considering 50 % of women are in the work force, the schools need to present volunteering in the classroom differently. Some possible solutions could be :

1. Instead of weekly or by-monthly volunteering

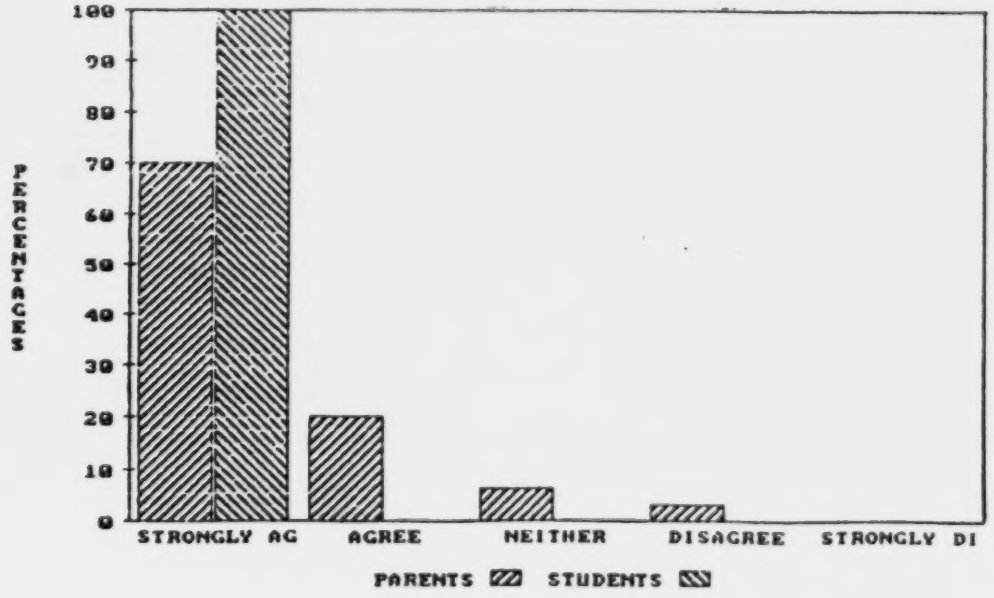
schedules perhaps a monthly schedule.

2. Two or more parents could share a specific day and alternate attendance.

3. If volunteering in the classroom is not possible perhaps a home to school notebook could be used for communication between parent, child and teacher.

The second part of the survey, the respondents circled the appropriate number , 1 being strongly agree to 5 being strongly disagree.

Parent involvement is necessary for a successful school experience.

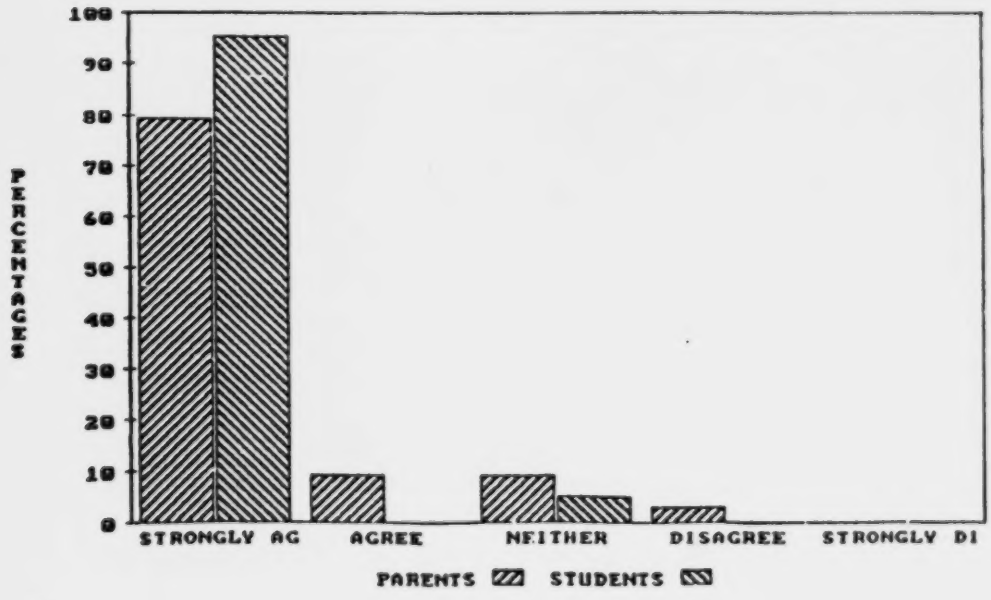


Results: 100 % of the graduate students strongly agreed with this statement. 70% of the parents agreed.

Observations: 76 % of the students are teachers. This is a strong per cent to support parent involvement as necessary for a successful school experience.

Suggestions: Teachers responded to the importance of parents to be involved . Yet how many teaching programs have classes available on dealing with parents? Universities should have required courses in dealing with parents and parent education as part of the teaching program.

Children benefit from their parents participation at school.



Results: A strong support, 95 % of the students agreed with this statement. 79% of the parents strongly agreed.

Observations:How parents view their own importance in

their child's school life needs to be stressed when implementing parent programs.

Suggestions: Keeping the lines of communication open between teacher and parent is very important. Parents need to know their input is wanted. Preschool teachers can use the following ideas:

1. Part of the bulletin board should be "For Parents Only". Parents could use this area as an exchange for car pooling request or caregiving needed.

2. A parent library and toy lending library can be made available.

3. If there is space, a parents room or lounge.

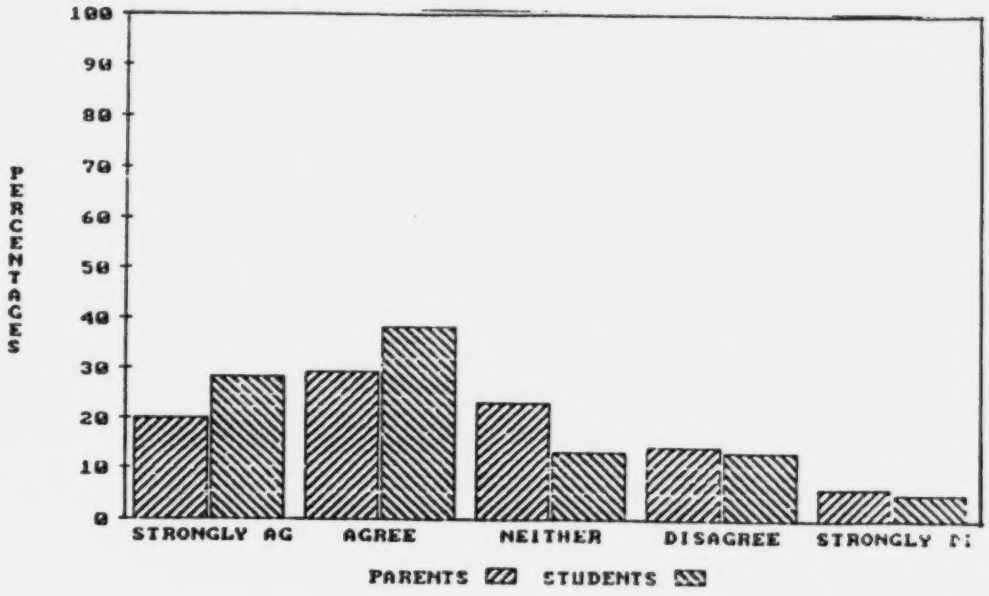
4. Greet the parents as well as the children.

5. Encourage conversation between teacher and parents.

6. Send home notes to working parents on their child's accomplishments.

Schools do not offer enough opportunities to participate for

working parents.



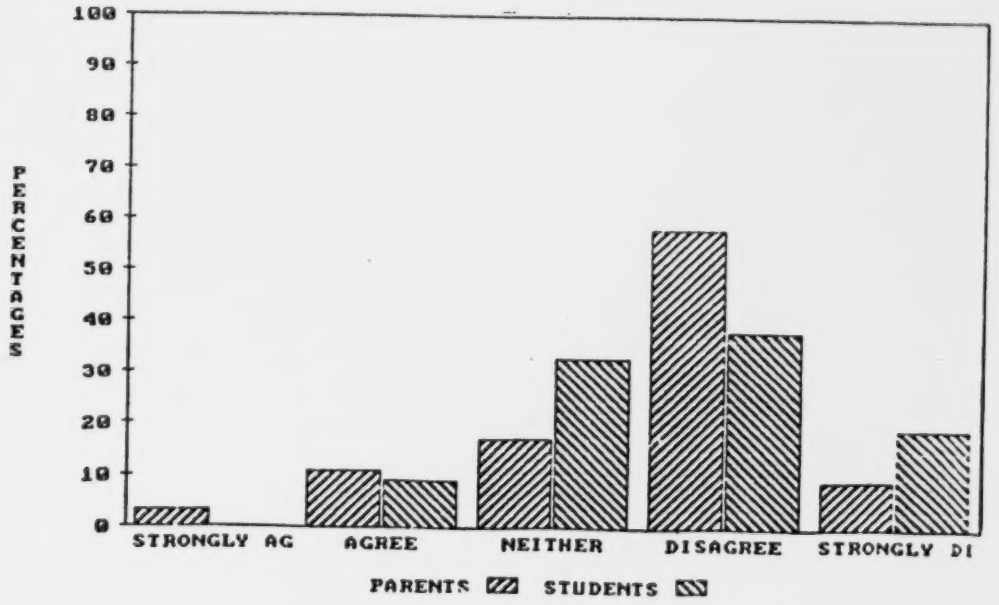
Results: Combining responses 1 and 2 , 49 % of the parents agreed, 66% of the students. 43 % of the parents either disagreed or neither agreed or disagreed (3, 4, 5,).

Observations: Realizing that 53 % of the parents work outside the home and 49 % of the parents do not think there are enough opportunities to be involved in the school, the school should evaluate the parent involvement opportunities. 66 % of the students responded that there are not enough opportunities for working parents to be involved in the school. Teachers have the opportunity to build a stronger relationship between the parent and themselves.

Suggestions: Teachers can become involved as a liaison between parent and administration. Teachers can help promote

more opportunities for parents to become involved in the educational life of their child.

Parent participation requires the parent to be present at school.



Results: 58 % of the parents disagreed and 38 % of the graduate students disagreed.

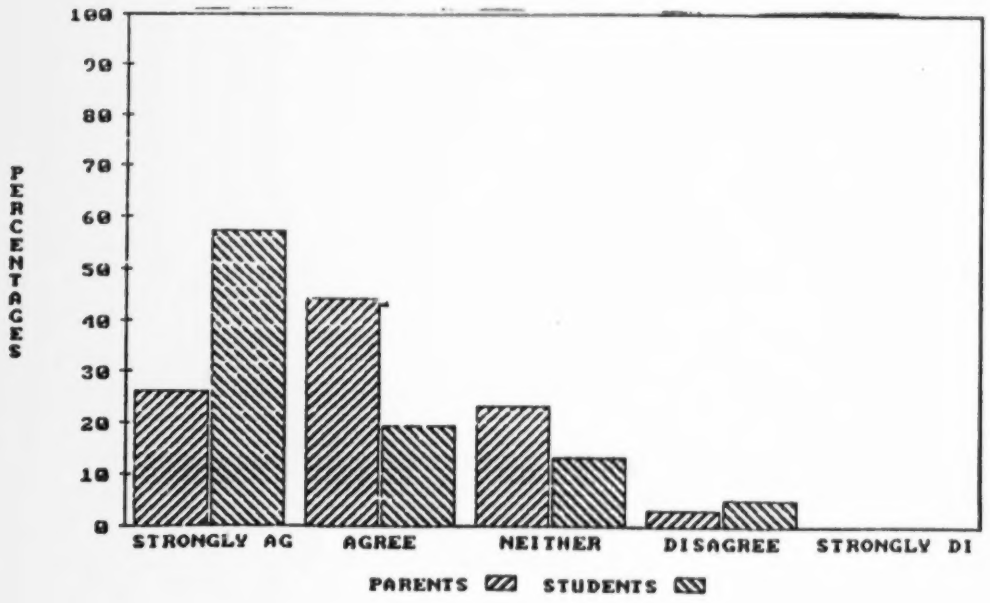
Observations: It was hoped that more respondents would have disagreed with this statement.

Suggestions: Teachers and schools can make parents aware that they can become involved in the school and not be

present. Some ways in which they could become involved:

1. Read the newsletter
2. Visit the school on family night
3. Attend after school activities such as roller skating.
4. Support fundraisers
5. Encourage communication between parents and teachers by using home to school note books.

During Parent - Teacher Conferences, parents contributions and ideas are equal to the teachers.



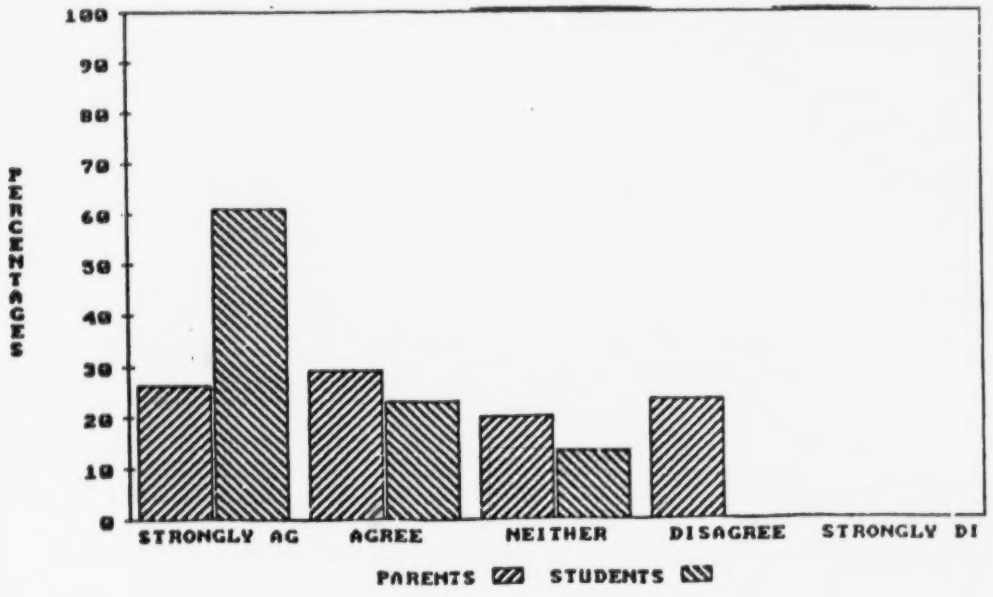
Results: 57 % of the students responded that teachers and parents have equal amount of input during conferences.

26 % of the parents responded the same.

Observations: It is evident once again that the parents do not put faith in themselves when dealing with the education of their children.

Suggestions: Parents need to be reminded they are accepted in a partnership with the teacher in educating their child.

A parent education program is an essential for a positive home - school relationship.



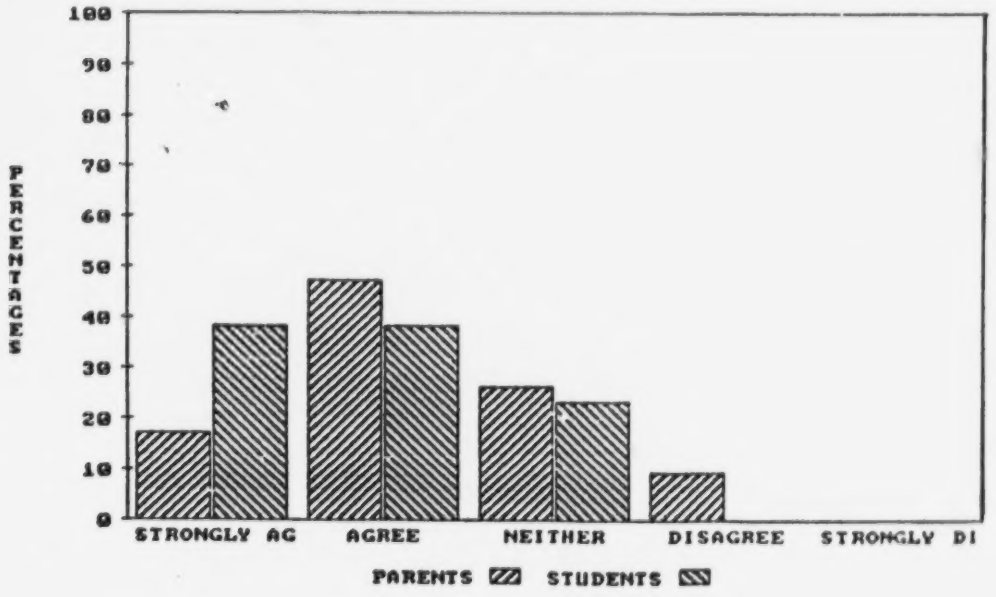
Results: 61 % of the students and 23 % of the parents strongly ageed with this statement.

Observations: It has been consistently shown that the parents do not view themselves as being a strong part of the

education of their children.

Suggestion: It would have been beneficial to know what the parents thought a parent education program to be.

I will be more willing to attend a parent education program if I had a choice in the topic.



Results: 17 % of the parents agreed as did 38 % of the parents. Combining responses 1 and 2 , 64 % of the parents responded and 76 % of the graduated students responded.

Observations: Before implementing a parent education program, a survey of parent interests should be conducted.

Suggestions: A survey of parents interests is found in Appendix C. Involve the parents in implementing the program. Advertising is also important.

CHAPTER FIVE

Historically, parents were considered disciplinarians, the individuals who reared the children, while the main goal of the school was to educate the children. However, today, parents are recognized as their child's first teacher. As shown by the examples in the opening of this paper, early childhood educators need to be aware of the parent's concerns and needs as well as those of the child. There is a discussion on the changes in our society and how early childhood educators should interpret these changes. The level of parent involvement is presented as a commitment rather than the type and quantity of involvement. The survey that is presented results in evidence that agrees with some literature.

An investigation of literature and the results of the survey have shown parents to be an integral part of their child's early education. Early childhood professionals will work with the parent as well as the child. This partnership is beneficial for the family and the school. There are reoccurring themes which are evident in the literature and

the survey. First, the surveyed parents did not view their input into their child's education very importantly. Early childhood educators need to address this issue carefully and sincerely. The partnership between the parent and the teacher needs to be stressed. " An effective Parent-Teacher partnership requires trust, commitment, work, appreciation and communication." (Shea, et al., 1985)

Secondly, the surveyed students conveyed a sincere message to include parents in the education process. However, as questioned earlier, do teachers have the training to be involved with parents and realize the importance of treating parents as partners. Education programs need to have required courses on parent relationships and parent education. An examination of existing Universities education programs would be an appropriate area to research.

Another area which shows a need for further research and exploration is informing existing teachers. A simple observation has been made. In determining a frequently requested teacher in a local school system, it was helpful to look at the amount of names of parent helpers and parent donors in the schools parent help book under each teacher's name. It is not to say that the teachers who have few parent names are bad teachers. But it can be said that when you view a class of twenty-five children and twenty-two names of parent helpers are listed, it is obvious that the teacher

accepts the parent in the education of their child.

A fourth area that demands investigation is the school administrations. Do parents views receive the adequate amount of time? What does the administration do to help promote the home-school relationship? A simple investigating question could be ask; how many parents know the name of the principle of their child's school? All these questions would help to provide an interesting compiling of the administrations views of parent participation in the school.

Suggestions have been given for implementing and organizing parent participation programs. The survey has shown parent involvement in the education of children is an important element of educating the child. If these recommendations for implementing parent programs are considered, is it a guarantee for a successful parent involvement program?

A wonderful program on paper is nothing without the commitment and open communication between the teacher and parents. The parent needs to feel their input is accepted and the teacher needs to have confidence in the parent. Through researching parent involvement there were many views on parent involvement but none compared to the honesty of the following:

" Parents and schools need to be involved with each other because they have a common element - children. To the young child, home and school are two of the most important areas in which he functions. He spends a majority of his time in these areas. In order to assist the child and to provide the most effective learning environment, both school and home must be in cooperation-pulling together to benefit the child. Lack of cooperation and understanding between the two forces most instrumental in a young child's development can only serve to foster frustration and anxiety.... When parents participate, the child knows his parents care enough about him to become involved... School should unite parent and child , not isolate them for each other." (Rockwell and Grafford 1985) Parent, child, and the school need to work together as a team for a successful school experience.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A

Dear Country Town Parents,

Many of you know that I am currently working on my Master's in Early Childhood Education. My goal is to complete my thesis this term which will be ending on December 8, 1988.

In order for me to finish my project, I need to fulfill the requirement of researching, studying and presenting a survey on information on my chosen topic which s parent involvement in
their child's education.

Attached is a survey form which I will also hand out to teaches. My goal is to compare views of parents and teachers on parent involvement opportunities.

I would greatly appreciate your input. If you can complete this survey and return tome by Wednesday, November 9,1988.

Thank-You

APPENDIX B

The following survey is intended for the purpose of collecting data for research for a thesis in early childhood. All individual responses will be kept confidential.

Instructions

Circle the appropriate number for the best answer. Try to answer all of the questions, but if a question does not apply, leave it blank.

Demographic Information

Occupation: _____

Sex: Female Male

Number of children: 1 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: Married Divorced Single

Survey

There are many forms of parent involvement, using the key below rate the relative importance of the following examples.

I - Very Important
2 - Important
3 - Somewhat Important
4 - Unimportant
5 - Never Do

	I is Very Important				5 is Never Do
Read monthly newsletters	I	2	3	4	5
Support Fundraisers	I	2	3	4	5
Attend group discussions on children and death	I	2	3	4	5
Send holiday treats to school	I	2	3	4	5
Collect reusable junk	I	2	3	4	5
Participate in parent advisory committee	I	2	3	4	5
Volunteer in the classroom	I	2	3	4	5

Using the key below, circle the appropriate number.

1 Strongly Agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree or disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly Disagree

	1 is strongly agree				5 is strongly disagree
Parent involvement is necessary for a successful school experience.	1	2	3	4	5
Children benefit from their parent's participation at school.	1	2	3	4	5
Schools do not offer enough opportunities to participate for working parents.	1	2	3	4	5
Parent participation requires the parent to be present at the school.	1	2	3	4	5
During Parent- Teacher conferences, parent contributions and ideas are equal to the teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
A parent education program is essential for a positive home-school relationship.	1	2	3	4	5
I will be more likely to attend a parent education program if I have a choice in the topic.	1	2	3	4	5

APPENDIX C

Country Town Nursery

Parent involvement is an essential part of our program here at Country Town. For us to provide appropriate and interesting opportunities we need to gather some information. Please fill out the following survey and place in the mail box by October 17.

Thank-You
Paula - Jane -Leslie

Demographic Information

Father's occupation _____
Mother's occupation _____

Marital Status Married Divorce Separated Single

If Divorced or separated , does the other parent have regular visits with the child?

_____

Number and ages of children

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

During the year there are many opportunities for you as parents to become involved in our school. Please indicate an area you would be interesting in helping.

_____ co-op position Once a month obligation to come in our the room and act as fourth member of staff.
_____ Substituting for our staff.
_____ Be a member of our Board. The meetings are once a month.
_____ Collecting re-usable junk the list will be provided.
_____ typing newsletter
_____ typing other notes
_____ organizing fundraisers
_____ other

An important aspect of Country Town's program has been informative and interesting programs for parents (guest speakers, informal discussions, workshops, etc.) We need your suggestions and help in planning these programs.

Number in order of preference your first three or four choices:

___ Nutrition & Cooking with children

___ How to Handle Aggression
___ The Goals of Children's Misbehavior
___ Birth Order & Children's Misbehavior
___ Kindergarten Readiness
___ Sibling Rivalry
___ The Art of Discipline
___ Stress & You
___ Being Super Woman
___ Strengthening Families
___ Reading Made Easy for Children
___ Social Growth of Preschoolers
___ Children's Literature
___ Tender Topics: Death , Divorce, & Hospitalization

What time is best for you to attend these programs:
evenings _____ mornings _____ afternoon _____

APPENDIX D

RECYCLING LIST

We want our program to be rich in materials and resources for the children to use. You can help. Below is a list of scrap items that can be creatively reused. We would appreciate any donations. Our golden rule is : If you throw it away think of Country Town first.

Textured Materials
cotton
felt
rick rack
braid
cloth
burlap velvet
string
yarn
sand paper
Etc.

Natural Materials
pine cones & needles
tree bark
leaves
pods
moss
acorns
stones
sea shells
chestnuts
dried weeds
Etc.

Transparent materials
lace
cellophane
wire screening
Etc.

Things that sparkle
sequins
tinsel
foils
metallic paper
beads
Etc.

Office Supplies
envelopes
coupons
stamps
business cards
pads of paper
old letterhead
pens
typewriter
Etc.

Misc.
dress-up clothes
scarves
jewelry
jewelry box
baskets
things to take apart

Shapes
corks
straws
stryofoam
bottle caps
pipe cleaners
buttons
toothpicks
popsicle sticks
linoleum samples
vinyl
sponges
macaroni
wood shavings
wood scraps
nails

Paper
egg cartons
meat trays
book covers
newspaper
construction paper
old magazines
tissue paper
wallpaper
cardboard
greeting cards
scrap paper

APPENDIX E

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Pre-School Teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 (3) 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

There are many forms of parent involvement, using the key below rate the relative importance of the following examples.

1 - Very Important
2 - Important
3 - Somewhat Important
4 - Unimportant
5 - Never Do

	1 is Very Important				5 is Never Do
Read monthly newsletters	(1)	2	3	4	5
Support Fundraisers	(1)	2	3	4	5
Attend group discussions on children and death	(1)	2	3	4	5
Send holiday treats to school	(1)	2	3	4	5
Collect reusable junk	1	(2)	3	4	5
Participate in parent advisory committee	(1)	2	3	4	5
Volunteer in the classroom	1	(2)	3	4	5

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5 Strongly Disagree

	1 is strongly agree				5 is strongly disagree
Parent involvement is necessary for a successful school experience.	(1)	2	3	4	5
Children benefit from their parent's participation at school.	(1)	2	3	4	5
Schools do not offer enough opportunities to participate for working parents.	1	2	3	(4)	5
Parent participation requires the parent to be present at the school.	1	2	(3)	4	5
During Parent- Teacher conferences, parent contributions and ideas are equal to the teachers.	(1)	2	3	4	5
A parent education program is essential for a positive home-school relationship.	1	(2)	3	4	5
I will be more likely to attend a parent education program if I have a choice in the topic.	1	2	(3)	4	5

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: housewife & mom

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Resource Teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: (1) 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: (0) 1 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Montessori Assistant

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: Married Divorced (Single)

Survey

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Demographic Information

Occupation: TEACHER

Sex: Female (Male)

Number of children: 1 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Children benefit from their parent's participation at school.	I	2	(3)	4	5
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Parent participation requires the parent to be present at the school.	I	2	3	4	(5)
During Parent- Teacher conferences, parent contributions and ideas are equal to the teachers.	I	2	(3)	4	5
A parent education program is essential for a positive home-school relationship.	I	(2)	3	4	5
I will be more likely to attend a parent education program if I have a choice in the topic.	I	(2)	3	4	5

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Head Start Parent Involvement Coordinator

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

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Support Fundraisers	1	2	(3)	4	5
Attend group discussions on children and death	1	2	(3)	4	5
Send holiday treats to school	1	2	3	(4)	5
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Participate in parent advisory committee	(1)	2	3	4	5
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Demographic Information

Occupation: _____

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Substitute teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 (3) 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Teacher - pre-K - E.I.

Sex: Female Male

Number of children: (1) 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: Married Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 3 4 or more

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Special Ed Teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Factory / Substitute Teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: (1) 2 3 - or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: part-time pre-school teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

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Demographic Information

Occupation: E.C. (preschool teacher)

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

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Demographic Information

Occupation: _____

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Day Care Director

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Early childhood Educator

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: (1) 2 3 4 or more

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A parent education program is essential for a positive home-school relationship.	(1)	2	3	4	5
I will be more likely to attend a parent education program if I have a choice in the topic.	(1)	2	3	4	5

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Pharmacy Technician

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: (1) 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

There are many forms of parent involvement, using the key below rate the relative importance of the following examples.

I - Very Important
2 - Important
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5 - Never Do

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Read monthly newsletters	(1)	2	3	4	5
Support Fundraisers	I	(2)	3	4	5
Attend group discussions on children and death	I	2	3	4	(5)
Send holiday treats to school	I	2	(3)	4	5
Collect reusable junk	I	2	3	(4)	5
Participate in parent advisory committee	I	2	3	4	(5)
Volunteer in the classroom	(1)	2	3	4	5

Using the key below, circle the appropriate number.

1 Strongly Agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree or disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly Disagree

	1 is strongly agree				5 is strongly disagree
Parent involvement is necessary for a successful school experience.	(1)	2	3	4	5
Children benefit from their parent's participation at school.	(1)	2	3	4	5
Schools do not offer enough opportunities to participate for working parents.	1	2	(3)	4	5
Parent participation requires the parent to be present at the school.	1	2	3	(4)	5
During Parent- Teacher conferences, parent contributions and ideas are equal to the teachers.	1	(2)	3	4	5
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Demographic Information

Occupation: Office Manager

Sex: Female X Male

Number of children: 1 2 3 4 or (more)

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Participate in parent advisory committee	1	2	3	4	(5)
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Demographic Information

Occupation: Secretary

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Send holiday treats to school	I	2	(3)	4	5
Collect reusable junk	I	(2)	3	4	5
Participate in parent advisory committee	I	(2)	3	4	5
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Demographic Information

Occupation: _____

Sex: (Female) Male

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Demographic Information

Occupation: _____

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 3 4 or more

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Collect reusable junk	1	(2)	3	4	5
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Demographic Information

Occupation: Homemaker - Mother

Sex: Female Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Send holiday treats to school	(1)	2	3	4	5
Collect reusable junk	1	(2)	3	4	5
Participate in parent advisory committee	1	(2)	3	4	5
Volunteer in the classroom	(1)	2	3	4	5

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Hygienist

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 3 4 or (more)

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Mother

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 3 (4) or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

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Read monthly newsletters	(I)	2	3	4	5
Support Fundraisers	I	2	(3)	4	5
Attend group discussions on children and death	I	2	(3)	4	5
Send holiday treats to school	I	2	(3)	4	5
Collect reusable junk	I	2	(3)	4	~~(5)~~
Par icipate in parent adv sory committee	I	(2)	3	4	5
Vol nteer in the classroom	I	(2)	3	4	5

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Parent participation requires the parent to be present at the school.	1	2	3	4	(5)
During Parent- Teacher conferences, parent contributions and ideas are equal to the teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
A parent education program is essential for a positive home-school relationship.	1	2	3	(4)	5
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Demographic Information

Occupation: Music Educator

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 (3) 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

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Support Fundraisers	I	2	(3)	4	5
Attend group discussions on children and death	I	2	(3)	4	5
Send holiday treats to school	I	(2)	3	4	5
Collect reusable junk	I	(2)	3	4	5
Participate in parent advisory committee	I	(2)	3	4	5
Volunteer in the classroom	(I)	2	3	4	5

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Demographic Information

Occupation: RN

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: (1) 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

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Attend group discussions on children and death	(I)	2	3	4	5
Send holiday treats to school	I	2	3	(4)	5
Collect reusable junk	(I)	2	3	4	5
Participate in parent advisory committee	(I)	2	3	4	5
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Demographic Information

Occupation: Parent

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Participate in parent advisory committee	(1)	2	3	4	5
Volunteer in the classroom	(1)		3	4	5

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Demographic Information

Occupation: DENTAL HYGIENIST

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

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Participate in parent advisory committee	1	2	3	4	(5)
Volunteer in the classroom	1	(2)	3	4	5

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Wife + Mother in Home

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Send holiday treats to school	I	2	3	(4)	5
Collect reusable junk	I	2	3	(4)	5
Participate in parent advisory committee	I	2			(5)
Volunteer in the classroom	1	2		( )	5

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Mom

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

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Participate in parent advisory committee	1	(2)	3	4	5
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Demographic Information

Occupation: R.N.

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Housewife

Sex: (Female) Male

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Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Student

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 (2) 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Occupation: Teacher

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Home maker

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: (1) 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

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Demographic Information

Occupation: BANKER

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Demographic Information

Occupation: homemaker / teacher

Sex: (Female) Male

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Teacher

Sex: Female (Male)

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Demographic Information

Occupation: REGISTERED NURSE

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: (1) 2 3 4 or more

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Homemaker/artist

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: 1 2 3 (4) or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Sing e

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Domestic - Bookkeeper

Sex: (Female) Male

Number of children: (1) 2 3 4 or more

Marital Status: (Married) Divorced Single

Survey

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Read monthly newsletters	(1)	2	3	4	5
Support Fundraisers	1	2	(3)	4	5
Attend group discussions on children and death	1	2	3	4	(5)
Send holiday treats to school	1	2	3	4	(5)
Collect reusable junk	(1)	2	3	4	(5)
Participate in parent advisory committee	1	2	3	4	(5)
Volunteer in the classroom	(1)	2	3	4	5

Using the key below, circle the appropriate number.

I Strongly Agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree or disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly Disagree

	I is strongly agree				5 is strongly disagree
Parent involvement is necessary for a successful school experience.	I	2	(3)	4	5
Children benefit from their parent's participation at school.	(I)	2	3	4	5
Schools do not offer enough opportunities to participate for working parents.	I	2	(3)	4	5
Parent participation requires the parent to be present at the school.	I	2	3	(4)	5
During Parent- Teacher conferences, parent contributions and ideas are equal to the teachers.	(I)	2	3	4	5
A parent education program is essential for a positive home-school relationship.	I	2	(3)	4	5
I will be more likely to attend a parent education program if I have a choice in the topic.	I	2	(3)	4	5

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Occupation: CLERICAL

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Demographic Information

Occupation: Mother/HouseKeeper

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Occupation: Homemaker

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